Educational: The Role of the Grammarian

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The Grammarian’s Role covers the three cornerstones of Toastmasters:

- Better Thinking
- Better Listening
- Better Speaking
Better Thinking
The Grammarian Thinks …

• Research – check Agenda – is there a theme?
• Word/Saying of the Day
  – Special word
  – Tied to theme
  – Increase vocabulary
  – Prepare definition and examples of use
  – Prepare visual aid for display
  – Prepare checklist or report template
Better Listening
The Grammarian Listens …

• Listen to all speakers
• Write down:
  – Examples of good use of language
  – Awkward or misuse of language
  – Ums, ahs, crutch words, sounds
  – Fillers, slang, mispronunciation
(1) Beginning of Meeting (2 mins)
  – Why your role is important
  – What you will be doing
  – When you will be giving your report
  – Announce word/theme with explanation

(2) End of Meeting (2 mins)
  – Report on findings
  – Be concise, fun, informative
  – Be generous with positive feedback
Completion of the Grammarian role gains credit in the following Projects:

1. Listening and Leadership
2. Critical Thinking
3. Giving Feedback
4. Time Management
Resources

• Competent Communicator Manual
• Competent Leader Manual
• Dictionary, Thesaurus, Newspaper
• Personal resources, books, magazines
• Internet and club website